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1. ALL GREEK-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS ON JUNE 18 (WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF COMMUNIST RIZOSPASTIS) CARRIED REPORTS ON THE TURKISH NOTE TO THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE STATUS OF U.S. BASES IN TURKEY (REFTEL). WHILE MOST JOURNALS AFFORDED FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD TREATMENT TO THE STORY--WITH MANY STRESSING THE "ULTIMATUM" ASPECT OF THE NOTE--LEAD STORY IN ELEFTHEROS COSMOS MIXED U.S. BASES ANGLE WITH ITS REPORT OF A CURRENT

WEST GERMAN INITIATIVE AT BETTERING GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS. ITS FRONT PAGE HEADLINE READ "WHILE TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS WORSEN, BONN INTERVENES IN GREEK-TURKISH QUESTION AND WILL EXERCISE FRIENDLY PERSUASION ON ANKARA."

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2. FOLLOWING HEADLINES GIVE THE FLAVOR OF GREEK PRESS REPORTING

ON THIS SUBJECT: AKROPOLIS, "ULTIMATUM ON BASES IN TURKEY;"
TO VIMA, "IN RETALIATION FOR AID CUTOFF, ANKARA WILL REVISE
STATUS OF BASES;" AVGHI, "ANKARA PRESENTS SCHEDULE CONCERNING BASES
WHILE ECEVIT SEEKS THEIR IMMEDIATE ABOLITION"; VRADYNI,
"ACCORDING TO TURKISH OPPOSITION PARTIES, THREATS OF TURKEY
CONCERNING BASES ARE COMICAL"; TA NEA, "TURKISH ANNOUNCEMENT
CONCERNING BASES AS WELL AS SECRET MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT FORD"
ESPERINI AFTERNOON DAILY WHICH BEGAN PUBLISHING JUNE 16),
"TURKEY ESCALATES ITS PRESSURE ON USA." MOST PAPERS PRESENTED
THEIR REPORTS ON THIS SUBJECT PROMINENTLY ON LAST PAGE
(WHERE FOREIGN NEWS GENERALLY TREATED).
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